

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday March 19th 2000

Cork Radio Club

The Annual General Meeting of the Cork Radio Club will be held at Wilton Park House on Monday 27th March at 8.45pm. All members are asked to attend.

This September, the club will be celebrating it's 25th anniversary. To commemorate the event and as part of the millennium celebrations, the ODTR has allocated the callsign EI5MM for the month of September.

As part of the celebrations the club will be making contact with amateurs in clubs and in cities that are twinned with Cork.

Other celebrations are also being planned, including a reunion.

The Annual Blarney rally will be taking place as usual in September.

Refurbishment of the club premises is nearly completed. The club would like to thank Tony Stack EI9ID for the great work that he put into the project. A new operating area has been built and the club station is back on air again.

They are now once more QRV on HF, VHF and packet. New aerials have also been fitted by Jeremy EI5GM to pick up the ATV repeater.

A club construction project is being organised by John EI9ESB. It will be a voltage monitor and it is hoped to get it underway within the next few weeks.

The club meets every Monday night at Wilton Park House in Bishopstown and visitors are always welcome.

New DXCC Entity

In a press release on March the 13th, the ARRL DXCC Desk announced a new entity, The United Nations Temporary Administration of East Timor, shortened to UNTAET. This is effective from March the 1st and QSL cards will be accepted on and after October the 1st next.

The International Telecommunications Union has assigned the prefix block 4WA-4WZ to UNTAET for as long as it exists.

Visiting amateurs who will spend less than 12 months in East Timor will use the prefix 4W6/with home call and anyone staying over a year may obtain a 4W6 callsign.

UN stations within East Timor may be assigned 4U prefixes for official use while UN Amateur stations may use the prefix 4U1.

Fingal Radio Club

Fingal Radio Club will present a slide show on busses and trains of past Ireland on Monday next March 20th at 8.15p.m. This talk and slide show will be given by Mr Desmond McGlinn the well known modeller and public transport expert of times past.

Mr McGlinn gave a similar talk on the same subject some years ago at Fingal's club rooms and it was very well supported and attended. He has since acquired many more slides and information.

The cover charge will be £2 and tea and biscuits will be served.

South Dublin Radio Club AGM

The Annual General Meeting of South Dublin Radio Club took place on Tuesday 29th February in the club's QTH in Marian Road, Rathfarnham. The majority of the club's members were present, including the six new members who joined in recent months.

There was a very lively discussion about the club's direction and plans were laid to increase the level of activity in the coming months. The discussion also covered the future of amateur radio generally, including the pros and cons of the moves in other countries to ease the Morse Code requirements for HF operation. Many of those present - licensed and not yet licensed - expressed the view that an easement in Morse Code requirements might be beneficial.

The following were elected to next year's committee: Chairman: Jim Holohan EI4HH Secretary: Tommy Griffin EI9BTB Treasurer: Brendan de hOra EI3GV Other committee members: Nicholas Cummins EI5FLB, Peter Henshaw EI7FDB and Liam McMahon SWL.

South Eastern Radio Group

The A.G.M of the South Eastern Radio Group was held recently, and the following committee was elected:

Chairperson: John McCarthy EI9DBB: Vice Chairperson: Richie Ryan EI9HR:
Secretary: Mark Wall EI7IS: Treasurer Mick Hoban EI5DCB: P.R.O. David Stearn EI
1349: Committee members: Mick Walsh EI3IQ, Eddie Steadman EI9DJB and Nicky
Madigan EI9DIB.

The Night Classes for the class B licence are continuing with a good attendance every night. The Classes are held in the De La Salle Social and Sports club every Monday night at 8 p.m.

Enquiries about the Group to searg@angelfire.com Limerick Rally The Limerick Radio Club will hold their annual rally on Sunday next the 26th of March in the Limerick Inn Hotel. The hotel has recently been refurbished and the rally will be held in a much bigger room this year. All catering facilities will be available in this room.

As well as the usual EI traders, Yaesu UK are making the trip and Compustore will be attending to cater for computer interests.

Doors open at 12 noon and the admission is only 2 pounds.

Further information from Paul EI6FE at 061-360122, evenings only or by e-mail at ei6fe@eircom.net.

IRTS AGM

The IRTS AGM will be held in The Four Seasons Hotel on Monaghan over the weekend of April the 8th and 9th.

Enquiries to Stephen Hand GI7UIM/EI7FKB on 087-2932438.

Members holding trophies are asked to return them to their nearest committee member as soon as possible. Peter Grant EI4HX is responsible for the trophies and would appreciate hearing from trophy holders at 042-9332641 after 7.00 p.m.

Nominations for any of the awards at the AGM should also be sent to Peter who is chairman of the awards committee.

Dates for your Diary

The GM Activity Weekend will be held on April the 15th and 16th.

International Marconi Day will be held this year on April the 29th and the Enniskillen

Rally will be held on Sunday April the 30th at the Killyhevlin Hotel.

The Windmills special event will be held on May the 12th and 13th.

The Worked All Ireland Island Activity weekend will be held over the third weekend in June, that's the 17th and 18th.

Items for inclusion in the Radio News should be phoned to Dave Moore at 021-883555 in the evenings or to 021-823172 during office hours. You may also e-mail to ei4bz@eircom.net or to ei8ir@eircom.net Input for the Newsletter should be sent to Kevin EI7IM at QTHR or by e-mail to ei7im@qsl.net.

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